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SUBJECT: FCIA CREDIT INSURANCE REQUEST FOR CREDIT INSURANCE TO COVER
SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO UNITED AIR SERVICES (PTY) LTD

REF: 1) STATE 016338, 2) STATE 40100, 3) STATE 16338, 4) STATE
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1. WE REGRET APPARENT DELAYS IN RESPONDING TO REQUEST REFTELS.
HOWEVER, WE HAVE FOUND THIS TO BE A MOST PUZZLING APPLICATION.
WE AND EMBOFFS HAVE DISCUSSED THE APPLICATION IN STATE 016338
WITH OFFICERS OF UNITED ARI SERVICES (UAS IDENTIFIED IN OUR
WTDR (SEE JOHANNESBURG 796) AND WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH OFFICERS
OF TRUST BANK IN JOHANNESBURG AND WE HAVE TRIED TO DISCUSS WITH
DIRECTORS OF BESTER INVESTMENTS LTD, IN JOHANNESBURG.
DISCUSSIONS WITH USA HAVE RESULTED IN INCONCLUSIVE ANSWERS.
INDEED HUGH STRACHEN HAS INFORMED REPORTING OFFICER THAT HE
KNOWS OF NO APPLICATIONS ALONG THE LINES REFTELS. BESTER
INVESTMENTS HAS NOT RESPONDED TO OUR REPEATED INQUIRIES. TRUST
BANK VERY NONCOMMITAL.

2. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVE BEEN HOLDING APPLICATION PENDING
RESPONSES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN CLEAR
READINGS ON STATUS OF FIRMS COMPRISING PARTIES TO TRANSACTIONS
OUTLINED REFTELS AS FCIA HAS REQUESTED. HOWEVER, GIVEN
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RATHER FLUID SITUATION IN STATUS OF HOLDING COMPANIES AND
INVESTMENT FIRMS IN RSA DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF DOWNTURN IN
ECONOMY, WE NOT TOO SANGUINE AS TO WHAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN.
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